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BOGIBEEL BRIDGE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Bogibeel Bridge project over the river Brahmaputra indicating the total allocation made during 2008-09;

(b) the target set for completion of the project;

(c) whether the payment of compensation to the people affected by land acquisition is completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a)&(b): The work on various activities connected with Bogibeel rail cum road bridge has been taken up including land acquisition, earthwork, minor and major bridges on the link lines. The land acquisition and boulder collection for guide bunds and protection works have almost been completed. Earthwork to the tune of 198.42 lakh cum out of 296.73 lakh cum, 19 major bridges and 90 out of 98 minor bridges, 10 out of 15 ROB/RUB (Road over/ under Bridge) has already been completed. The work of main bridge sub-structure and south guide bund with approach embankment has been taken up. An expenditure of Rs.952 cr has been incurred on the project upto 31.03.2008. An outlay of Rs.75 cr (through Railway Gross Budgetary Support) has been provided in the Budget 2008-09. Further, an outlay of Rs.58.25 crore has been provided in Supplementary Budget 2008-09 for this National Project as an additionality. The project is targeted for completion by March, 2012.

(c) to (e): Payment of compensation to the people affected by land acquisition has been completed except in two cases. Payment against land acquisition under DC/Dibrugarh for village - Banipur of South Bank. The above land was requisitioned additionally. Another case is pending under DC/Dhemaji at Dhulia Pukhuri village of North Bank. The payment of land compensation has not been made to land owners due to dispute of ownership, which has now been verified jointly with revenue authorities of Dhemaji District.